Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 9 and ending on page 10 with the following paragraph:

The cutting mechanism 42 is configured so that upon being engaged and moved by the drum 34, it moves to a cutting position wherein a knife or blade 44 crosses the conveying path of the web material 14 and thus cuts the material. It should be appreciated that, in this regard, the cutting mechanism may be composed of any manner of moveable components having a blade or knife 50 attached thereto. In the illustrated embodiment, the cutting mechanism 42 includes a roll 46 rotationally supported at its ends by supports 43. The roll 46 thus moves in a circular cutting path and includes at least one cutting blade 44 that crosses the conveying path of the web material 14 at a cutting position of the blade 44. Any manner of cam member, for example the cam arms 48, are configured with the roll 46 to be engaged by the lever arm 38 as the drum 34 rotates causing the blade 44 to move to its cutting position.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth in the attached Claim Worksheets. The claims as amended are presented below in "clean" format. All pending claims are presented below for sake of convenience.

1. (Amended) An apparatus for dispensing and cutting measured amounts from a roll of web material, said apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a roll carrier disposed within said housing to rotationally carry a roll of web material to be dispensed;

a rotatable drum disposed within said housing proximate to said roll carrier, said roll carrier biased towards said rotatable drum so that the roll of web material carried by said roll carrier is frictionally engaged against said drum thereby causing said drum to rotate upon a free end of the web material being pulled from said housing;

a rotatable cutting mechanism mounted within said housing external of and adjacent to said rotatable drum, said cutting mechanism including at least one cutting blade that moves across a conveying path of the web material as said cutting mechanism rotates to automatically cut the web material; and

wherein said cutting mechanism is engaged and moved by said rotatable drum along a portion of a rotational arc of said rotatable drum causing said cutting mechanism to rotate and cut the web material, and said cutting mechanism is stationary and disengaged from said rotatable drum along a remaining portion of the rotational arc of said rotatable drum.

2. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said rotatable drum comprises a radially extending lever arm, said lever arm engaging and moving said cutting mechanism along the portion of the rotational arc of said rotatable drum.

3. (Amendment) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said cutting mechanism comprises a roll generally parallel to said rotatable drum, said at least one cutting blade extending radially from said cutting mechanism roll.

4. (Amendment) The apparatus as in claim 3, wherein said rotatable drum comprises a longitudinally extending groove defined in a circumference thereof over which the web material passes, said cutting blade moving into said groove at a rotational cutting position of said cutting mechanism to cut the web material overlying said groove.

5. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 3, wherein said rotatable drum comprises a lever arm extending radially therefrom, said lever arm engaging and moving said cutting mechanism along the rotational arc portion of said rotatable drum.

6. The apparatus as in claim 3, further comprising a plurality of said cutting blades equally circumferentially spaced around said roll.

7. The apparatus as in claim 6, wherein said roll further comprises a plurality of circumferentially spaced cam members extending radially therefrom with at least one said cam member disposed between adjacent said cutting blades.

8. The apparatus as in claim 7, wherein said rotatable drum comprises a lever arm extending radially therefrom, said lever arm engaging one of said cam members for each rotation of said rotatable drum such that each of said cam members is engaged in successive operations of said apparatus.

9. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 8, wherein said cam members are circumferentially spaced such that each of said cam members is engaged and disengaged by said lever arm at generally a same rotational position of said rotatable drum.

10. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said rotatable drum is spring biased with a spring to a neutral position, said spring causing said rotatable drum to continue to rotate to said neutral position subsequent to cutting of the web material.

11. (Amended) An apparatus for dispensing and cutting measured amounts from a roll of web material, said apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a roll carrier disposed within said housing to rotationally carry a roll of web material to be dispensed;

a rotatable drum disposed within said housing proximate to said roll carrier such that the web material runs around at least a portion of a circumference of said rotatable

drum along a conveying path of the web material causing said rotatable drum to rotate upon a free end of the web material being pulled from said housing;

a cutting mechanism including at least one cutting blade movably mounted within said housing external of said rotatable drum, for each dispensing operation of said apparatus said cutting mechanism is engaged and moved by said rotatable drum along a portion of a rotational arc of said rotatable drum such that said cutting blade crosses the conveying path of the web material and cuts the web material, said cutting mechanism stationary and disengaged from said rotatable drum along a remaining rotational arc of said rotatable drum.

12. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 11, wherein said cutting mechanism comprises a roll that rotates about a fixed axis, said cutting blade extending radially from said cutting mechanism roll.

13. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 12, wherein said cutting mechanism roll is engaged and moved by a radially extending member rotationally fixed to said rotatable drum.

14. (Amended) The apparatus as in claim 13, further comprising a plurality of said cutting blades circumferentially spaced around said cutting mechanism roll and a plurality of radially extending cam members alternately spaced between said cutting blades.

15. The apparatus as in claim 14, wherein said cam members and said blades are circumferentially spaced such that said radially extending member engages and moves one said cam member and associated said blade for each rotation of said rotatable drum.